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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Mr. James Slechta
REFERENCE : Memo for the Record dtd 17 June 1974
from DCI, same subject

1. This memorandum is for your information and reports on the Office of Security's past limited interaction with Subject while the latter was assigned to the Federal Energy Office (FEO).

2. On 24 January 1974, the Subject called the Security Duty Office and asked for the loan of a quality safe container to properly store Agency materials which had been received at FEO emanating from the Agency's Directorate of Intelligence. After checking with the DDI and establishing that a limited flow of DDI documents to Subject had indeed begun, the Office of Security effected delivery of an approved safe to Mr. Slechta's office on 30 January 1974.

3. On 18 March 1974, Mr. George Meredith, Security Officer for the Cost of Living Council, telephoned the Office of Security and reported that Subject, an employee of the Cost of Living Council, had returned prematurely from temporary assignment with the FEO and had brought with him a number of CIA documents. Mr. Meredith explained that his immediate supervisor, as well as the Director of the Cost of Living Council, were concerned with the Council's unexpected possession of these documents. Mr. Meredith, with instructions from his supervisor, asked the Office of Security to retrieve the documents as soon as possible. A representative of the Office of Security arrived at the Cost of Living Council on 19 March, inventoried the documents, and gave Mr. Meredith a signed receipt. The documents, twelve International Oil Development Reports, dated 21 December 1973 - 16 March 1974, were returned

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to the [redacted] Section/OHR/DDI where accountability was transferred from Subject to the DDI. The documents were destroyed by the [redacted] Section in late April 1974.

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4. The total number of classified items sent to Mr. Slechta while he was assigned to FEO was twelve (12) issues of the International Oil Development Report (Secret-No Foreign Dissem). All twelve (12) reports were retrieved on 19 March 1974 as noted above. The DDI Directorate now describes the contents of these reports as "extremely perishable" and, for the most part, now available in open publications and in no way threatening to sources and methods.

5. It was subsequently learned that the classified reports were sent to Mr. Slechta at a time when he held no Agency security clearances. This weakness in procedures has been corrected. In addition, at the invitation of the Director of FEO, representatives of the Office of Security have recently surveyed FEO security procedures as they apply to the handling of Agency classified information. The new FEO procedures, as modified by our recommendations, seem to be working well.

6. No further investigation of the Slechta matter would seem to be appropriate or potentially productive.

7. It is my understanding that the DDI plans to submit a separate memorandum dealing with other aspects of this matter. (attached)

/s/ John F. Blake

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Remarks:

I called Mr Corson & said I had looked into the matter & found nothing improper - & in fact that Mr S. had acted quite responsibly in our contacts - So we will do nothing further -

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